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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a method for bleaching or whitening a dairy product, comprising adding a lipoxygenase (LOX) to the dairy product. The method of the invention may be used to whiten milk, cheese, butter oil, cream or whey products. The invention further provides the use of a LOX to bleach a dairy product and a dairy product whitened by the methods of the invention.